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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NAIDOO ET AL.

Examiner

DARYL C POPE

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

ART REJECTION:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-7,12-15,23,30, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Faulkner et al(6,798,344).

-- In considering **claims 1,3,5-7, and 39** the claimed subject matter that is met by Faulkner et al(Faulkner) includes:

1) the base station is met by the secured locations(203) which generate alarm video corresponding to an alarm event(see: column 3, lines 18 et seq);

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2) the central station is met by the central monitoring station(201) coupled through network 209 and receives substantially real time alarm video(see: column 3 lines 56-65).

-- In considering claim **2,23**, and **30** the Internet is met by the Internet link of Faulkner(see: column 4, lines 51-58.

-- In considering **claim 4**, the claimed one or more sensor units is met by the alarm sensor positioned in the secured location.

-- In considering **claims 12-15**, the high speed network connection is met(see: column 3, lines 50-52.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 8-11,16-22,24-29, and 31-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Faulkner et al(Faulkner).

-- In considering **claim 8**, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a 360 degree camera, since this would have ensured the broadest possible coverage of the monitored area.

-- In considering **claims 9-11**, the examiner takes Official notice, that in the video monitoring art, use of systems which begin intervals before an alarm event, end the interval after the alarm event, and as well utilize a predetermined interval duration is

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well known. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate any of the above stated intervals into the system of Faulkner, since one of ordinary skill would have recognized the most optimal time interval for the system as desired.

-- In considering **claims 16,31, and 34**, since Faulkner already teaches transmitting signals sent from the secured locations(203) to remote stations(211-215), it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to bypass the central station, since this would have helped reduce unnecessary signal traffic to the central station.

-- In considering **claims 17 and 32**, the central station creation of the secure data connection after authenticating by the remote station is met by a valid password being necessary in order to access signals from the central station(see: column 4, lines 1-15).

-- In considering **claims 18-22,33, and 35-38**, upon authorization of the remote stations(211-215) of Faulkner, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow the remote station to be operable to control activation, deactivation, and any other function of the base station as desired since this would have facilitated optimal response to the base station upon occurrence of events.

-- In considering **claims 24**, it would have been obvious that the central station would have detected real time uncoupling from the base station, since the monitoring signal would have been real time, and therefore uncoupling would have been detected by a lost real time signal.

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-- In considering **claims 25-26**, the examiner takes Official Notice that in the alarm monitoring art, use of audio signals in conjunction with video signals is well known, and therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate audio signals into the system of Faulkner, since this would have provided another reliable means of verifying alarm events.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DARYL C POPE whose telephone number is (571) 272-2959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 8:00-6:30.

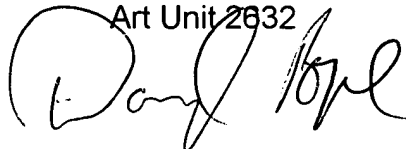
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DANIEL WU can be reached on (571) 272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Daryl C. Pope

Dec. 12, 2004

DARYL C POPE
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daryl C. Pope', is written over the printed name and title.